

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL

April 20, 2011

Councilman Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers did the swearing in of the Council.

Members Present: Councilman Murphy, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Brewer
Councilman Pottschmidt, Councilman Carmichael, Councilman
Wheeler

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

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Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 minutes as presented. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Brewer reported that he recently attended an Emergency Management Board meeting and learned that there will be an exercise conducted in May of this year. Councilman Brewer also stated that he had the opportunity to tour the new Mobile Command Unit and was very impressed.

Councilman Thompson reported on the possible use of brine application to the roadways. Council discussed the cost of equipment needed. Highway Supervisor stated that the same amount of salt would cover a much larger area.

Councilman Carmichael reported that he recently attended the Jackson County Industrial Development meeting. The final analysis on the job study will be coming soon. Jackson County rated fairly high in moving jobs to the county.

Councilman Wheeler reported that the Juvenile Home is short staffed and running under budget. An update on the facility is needed badly.

Leon Pottschmidt gave a brief report on the Plan Commission meeting he recently attended.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of Ordinance #2011-11. Ordinance 2011-11 is an ordinance establishing fines for violations of traffic and other regulations of Jackson County. The Sheriff of Jackson County shall be responsible for collecting all fees, fines, late charges, and penalties. The fines and fees collected will be deposited in the Ordinance Enforcement Fund and used for the purposes allowed by ordinance for that fund. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve on first reading. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the second reading of Ordinance #2011-11. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon second reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers informed Council of his intentions on the use of monies collected for traffic violations. Sheriff Carothers stated that would like to hire 1 or 2 part-time deputies to be paid from fines and fees collected as per Ordinance 2011-11. This is a way to help in traffic control without using taxpayer's money. The officers would be used for vacation fill in when necessary and to work special duty in high complaint areas on speeding and stop sign enforcement.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted the following Additional Appropriation requests:

- 1) \$844,661.00 from the CEDIT fund for contract paving.
- 2) \$496,536.00 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund for contract paving.
- 3) \$34,000.00 from the Cumulative Capital Fund for the purchase of ¾ ton pick-up.
- 4) \$350,980.62 from the Local Roads & Streets fund for contract paving.

County Prosecutor Rick Poynter submitted the following Additional Appropriation requests:

- 1) \$7,054.40 from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund to Brownstown Police Department to purchase tasers, field cartridges and training cartridges.
- 2) \$9,000.00 from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund to the Seymour Police Department to purchase video equipment for drug investigation.

Councilman Carmichael made a motion to approve all requests. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$84,922.82 from 1-35-391 (Meals) to 1-5-11 (Sheriffs Salary). This was approved thru the salary ordinance. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Brewer informed Council Members that members of the Parks Board may come before Council in the future for funding. The county has not funded the Parks master plan and the board is unable to obtain grants.

Councilman Wheeler suggested that Council look at updating the county website to include links to other county entities and also a link for child support payments.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted his monthly jail expense report and meal expense report for March 2011.

Councilman Thompson suggested that Council review the issues with the inventory tax is made up and credited for residents outside of the Seymour City limits at the May 20, 2011 meeting.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Charlie Murphy – President

Brian Thompson

Leon Pottschmidt

J.L. Brewer

Dennis Carmichael

Brian Wheeler

Greg Prange